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VIA ECFS

April 1, 2016

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Section 63.71 Application of Grand Telephone Company for Authority to
Discontinue Certain Services

JSI respectfully files the enclosed Application of Grand Telephone Company for
Authority to Discontinue Certain Services. This filing is made in compliance with Section
63.71 of the Commission's rules (47 C.F.R. § 63.71).

Sincerely,

Valerie Wimer
Vice President

on behalf of

Jason Anderson
General Manager
Grand Telephone Company

Enclosures

cc: Jason Anderson
General Manager
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Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)	
)	
Section 63.71 Application of)	Comp. Pol. File No. _____
Grand Telephone Company)	
For Authority to)	
Discontinue Certain Services)	
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SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION

Pursuant to Sections 63.71 of the Commission's Rules¹ and Section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,² Grand Telephone Company ("Grand" or the "Company") hereby files this application to discontinue the provision of select operator services to customers that the Company serves in the state of Oklahoma ("Application").³ In support of this Application, Grand Telephone Company submits the following:

I. Information Required by Section 63.71(a)(1) - (4)

A. Name and Address of Carrier

Grand Telephone Company
P. O. Box 308
Jay, OK 74346

For purposes of this Application, the Commission may contact:

Jason Anderson
Grand Telephone Company
P. O. Box 308
Jay, OK 74346
(918) 253-4231
jsanderson@grand.net

¹ See 47 C.F.R. § 63.71.

² See 47 U.S.C. § 214(a).

³ As required by Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules, Grand has notified and submitted a copy of this Application concurrent with this filing to the Oklahoma Public Service Commission, the Governor of Oklahoma, and the Secretary of the Department of Defense.

B. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance

Grand Telephone Company will discontinue operator-assisted line status verification and busy line interrupt services to its customers in the state of Oklahoma on or after June 30, 2016, upon completion of all necessary federal and state regulatory approvals.

C. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected

Grand Telephone Company provides telecommunications service throughout its service area in the exchanges of Jay and Disney.

D. Brief Description of the Types of Service Affected

In the areas referenced above, Grand Telephone Company provides the following services which will be discontinued (collectively, "Affected Services"):

- Line Status Verification – An operator service allowing the operator to confirm when a line is idle or in use.
- Busy Line Interrupt – An operator service allowing the operator to break into a conversation when a line is in use.

This discontinuance is limited to the Affected Services. Customers will continue to have access to all other current services without interruption.

II. Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers

Notices were sent to all Grand Telephone Company's local exchange customers as a bill insert by method of U.S. Mail on April 1, 2016. Please reference Exhibit A which is a sample copy of the Notice sent to the affected customers. Grand Telephone Company deemed the bill insert the most economic method of reaching its rural customers and printed the insert on distinctly colored paper to distinguish it from the billing statement and bring sufficient attention to the Notice.

III. Status of Carrier

Grand Telephone Company is an incumbent local exchange carrier and considered a dominant carrier with respect to the services that it proposes to discontinue in the state of Oklahoma.

IV. Circumstances of Discontinuance

The Company's discontinuance of the Affected Services was a business decision based on a lack of customer demand for the service. In the preceding 12 months, the Company has no instances of usage of the Affected Services. Therefore, the discontinuance of these services will not adversely affect the Company's customers.

V. Certification

On behalf of Grand Telephone Company, I, the undersigned Co-General Manager, Jason Anderson, hereby certify that the statements contained herein are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and made in good faith.

VI. Conclusion

For the reasons stated herein, the Company respectfully requests grant of this Application.

Respectfully Submitted,



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3-29-16

Date

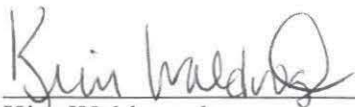
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Section 63.71 Application was served this 1st day of April, 2016, by mailing true and correct copies thereof, postage prepaid, to the following persons at the addresses listed below.

Oklahoma Corporation Commission
2101 North Lincoln Blvd.
P.O. Box 52000
Oklahoma City, OK 73152

The Office of Governor Mary Fallin
Oklahoma State Capitol
2300 N. Lincoln Blvd., Room 212
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Secretary of Defense
Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications,
Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301



Kim Waldvogel

EXHIBIT A

CUSTOMER NOTICE

April 1, 2016

RE: FCC-Required Notice of Discontinuance of Certain Operator Services

Dear Valued Customer:

This letter is to inform you that on or after June 30, 2016, Grand Telephone Company ("Grand"), will no longer be providing certain operator services within the state of Oklahoma. Customers who attempt to utilize the discontinued services will be informed by the operator that the service is not available. Specifically, the following operator services will be discontinued.

- Line Status Verification – An operator service allowing the operator to confirm when a line is idle or in use.
- Busy Line Interrupt – An operator service allowing the operator to break into a conversation when a line is in use.

This discontinuance is limited to the above operator services and will not affect your Grand service in any other way. Customers will continue to access general operator services, including operator assisted dialing, handling sent-paid calls, handling emergency calls and providing rate quotes where available.

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. You may file your comments electronically through the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System using the docket number established in the Commission's public notice for this proceeding, or you may address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the §63.71 Application of Grand Telephone Company. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your cooperative, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

If you have any questions about this notice or Grand's discontinuance of the aforementioned operator services, please contact us at P.O. Box 308, Jay, OK 74346 or (918) 253-4231.

We thank you for your business and look forward to continuing to serve your communications needs.

Sincerely,

Grand Telephone Company